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D-Day is June 6

U.S. Army Birthday is June 14

WELCOME!

BY JOE DEVITO

Welcome to summer! This month we remember D-Day June 6, along with the 246th birthday of the U.S. Army on June 14. We also celebrate women veterans on June 12 during Women Veteran Recognition Day. Many exciting things are happening in our Indiana Veteran community across the state this month. The team at the IDVA remains committed to making Indiana the best place for all Indiana Veterans to Live, Work and Thrive! We welcome contributions and feedback to outreach@dva.in.gov.

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NEWSLETTER

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GRANTS FOR VETERANS SERVICES 2021

SOLICITATION INFORMATION

Application Deadline: 5 p.m. Eastern – June 14, 2021

The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs is seeking applications for the Grants for Veterans Services program. This solicitation is open to non-profit organizations registered with the Indiana Secretary of State.

The grant amounts will be between \$25,000 and \$150,000 depending on each applicant's need for funds, the availability of funding, and volume of eligible applicants.

All applications, procedures, and documentation should follow Indiana Code, Indiana Administrative Code, and Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs policies.

Grant applications may be submitted via:

Email: Gabrielle J. Owens, General Counsel at GOwens1@dva.in.gov

Fax: (317) 232-7721

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Part 2



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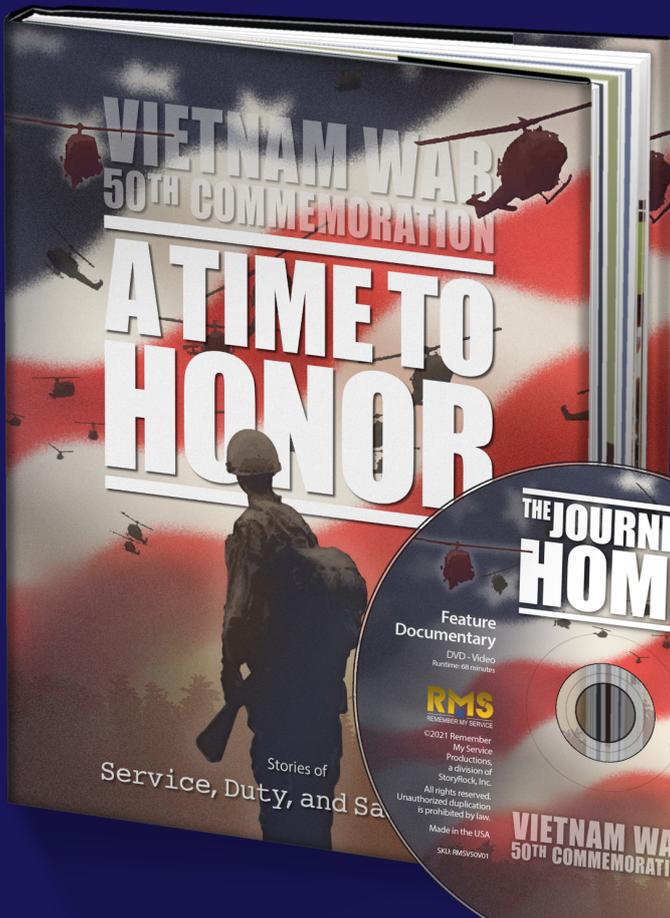
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June/July

VETERAN COMMUNITY EVENTS



Remember: A Benefit Dinner to raise awareness for Veteran programs

The event is hosted by Freedom System, Inc.

5 to 10 p.m. June 5 at

VFW Post 985

1201 W. Pike St

Goshen, IN 46526

\$25 Person

To purchase a seat and for more information please visit the [event website HERE](#).

Women Veterans Recognition Day

10 a.m. to 12 p.m. June 12

2100 Cason Street, Lafayette, IN 47904

Indiana is celebrating Women Veterans Recognition Day! We invite all female veterans, their families and veteran supporters to attend. The goal for the day is to challenge the perception of what it means to serve as a woman. Come out to learn about local resources, meet female veterans and enjoy comradery. Light snacks, children's activities, veteran resources and raffle.

Seeking volunteers and sponsors.

Contact - Tab Bartley,
bartley4indiana@gmail.com



Military Appreciation Day at Fort Wayne Children's Zoo

To honor those who serve our country active duty military, retired military, Gold Star families, National Guard members, Reserve members and their immediate families receive FREE zoo admission with a valid military ID (must present ID to receive free admission). Immediate family includes spouse/partner and children age 18 and under.



9 a.m. to 7 p.m. June 14
3411 Sherman Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46808

[For more information visit our Facebook page here!](#)





Salute to Vietnam War Veterans

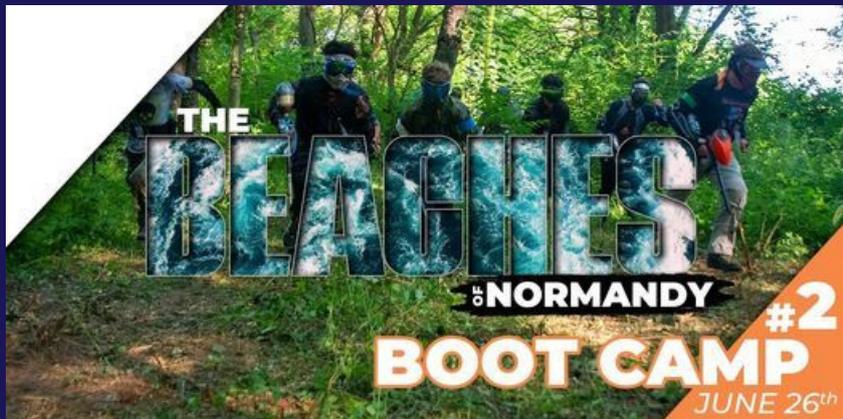
June 19

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

715 S 6th St., Vincennes, IN 47591

For more information visit the [event website HERE.](#)

The Beaches of Normandy | Boot Camp #2



Whether you're a seasoned Paintball Scenario Veteran, or a new player looking to make a splash during the Beaches of Normandy Scenario Event coming this July, you're going to want to start practicing on Saturday, June 26 during our first Scenario Boot Camp.

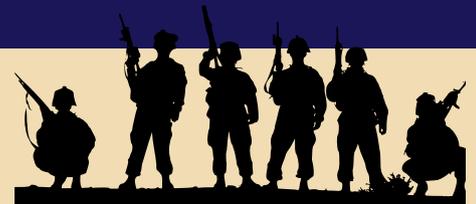
Get the lay of the land, get some practice in, learn from the Scenario Master, and have a pretty awesome Saturday out on the fields.

12 to 3 p.m. June 26

White River Paintball, 5211 South New Columbus Road, Anderson, IN 46013

[Visit the event website HERE.](#)

Remembering the Korean War at Fort Harrison State Park



We will have temporary display of uniforms and equipment used by the opposing forces during the Korean War. There is no charge for this display however, normal State Park gate fees do apply.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 10 & 11

6000 North Post Road Indianapolis, IN 46216

Visit the event Facebook page [HERE: https://m.facebook.com/events/2627976100833320](https://m.facebook.com/events/2627976100833320)

Honoring Women Veterans Conference

Join us for a FREE, fun, and informative day designed for women who have served and currently serve in the United States military.

THE 11TH ANNUAL



A free event for all women veterans. Information, food (provided by Mission BBQ), Lisa Kirk speaking, some spa services, win prizes and a great time. Also, a chance to speak to other women who have walked the walk and can talk the talk! This is an event for women only...no children...Thank you! For more information please contact Commander Barbara Kortz-Cole (812) 550-0552.

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (CDT) July 17
3300 East Division Street Evansville, IN 47715
[Register for the event HERE.](#)



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CREATIVITY
THE MORE YOU USE,
THE MORE YOU HAVE

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Writing in Peace, a program of the Kurt Vonnegut Museum & Library in partnership with Turkey Run State Park, is a creative writing workshop for veterans. This is a monthly workshop. Sign up by emailing to info@vonnegutlibrary.org indicating which dates you would like to attend. Visit the [Vonnegut Library](#) website for more information.

ROLL CALL!



**1415 North Gate Road
Madison, IN 47250**

The Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery is open for visitors. Please follow all COVID-19 guidelines:

- Wear a mask in all buildings.
- Maintain 6 feet social space.

We understand and appreciate your contribution to keeping everyone safe to enjoy their visit.

Click [HERE](#) to see the webpage.



New Instructions for in-room visitation at IVH

Visitation is back at IVH! Below are the requirements for in-room visits.

- Must be screened at the Pyle Switchboard for any signs or symptoms of illness.
- Complete the Visitor Screening Tool.
- Complete the Visitor Log to include your contact information in case we need to reach you for any reason.
- Bring proof of your vaccinations; we will make a copy of this and attach it to your Visitor Screening Tool.
- Leave the Pyle building, and walk to the building where your loved one resides in.
- You can go directly to their room and visit. (You will also be required to wear a surgical mask when in any common area, but you may take your mask off in their room during your visit.)
- After your visit, report back to Pyle Switchboard to checkout. This is very important that you do this.

If you are not vaccinated, you will be able to continue to schedule your visits online and have your visits supervised in the Mitchell Dining Room





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Need to call the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs?

800.698.2411

Federal Veterans Benefits, Healthcare & Services

LIVE ASSISTANCE
General information, directory assistance and technical support for VA.gov

VA HEALTH CARE
Eligibility, enrollment, locations and COVID-19

COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE
MISSION Act eligibility, copayments

NATIONAL CEMETERIES
Burial benefits, interment scheduling and headstone/Veteran marker

VETERANS CRISIS LINE
Immediate connection to caring, qualified responders

DEBT MANAGEMENT
Debt details, payment options and debtor rights

FACILITY LOCATOR
Locations of medical centers, benefits offices or cemeteries

BENEFITS ASSISTANCE
Information about a variety of VA benefits

HOMELESS VETERANS LINE
Information and support for homeless and at-risk callers

COVID-19 INFORMATION
Frequently asked questions and live assistance for COVID-related questions

Reach Services

What is Operation Vanguard

Operation Vanguard is a project to take members of our community who are dedicated to the plight of homelessness during the week after Veterans Day; and give them a taste of what it means to be without shelter and food.

How it Works

Every November for three to five days, we begin our homelessness challenge to raise funds to be used to serve Veterans in our community. It is also an event to raise awareness to the complexity and frequency of Veteran homelessness in Vigo County as well as surrounding areas. We are seeking volunteers and sponsors for this event. If you would like to come out and take this challenge with us for one day or four; all are welcome.

For more information visit <https://www.reachservices.care/copy-of-board-of-directors>.

COVID-19 Veteran Vaccinations

What: COVID-19 vaccinations for Veterans & eligible individuals

va.gov

Who is eligible: *UPDATE* SAVE LIVES ACT - Veterans & eligible individuals under the SAVE LIVES Act, may call 317-988-4899, Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., to schedule vaccine appointments at the below facilities:

Where:

- Indianapolis VAMC
- Bloomington, Indy West, Martinsville, Shelbyville, Terre Haute, Wakeman, & W. Lafayette

How: We will schedule your 1st and 2nd dose. If you would like to enroll in [VA Healthcare](#), [click HERE](#) to get started.

Job Posting from the American Legion

PROGRAM MANAGER: YOUTH EDUCATION AND CIVICS

Brief Job Summary

Responsible for administration and oversight of youth education, and youth scholarship programs of The American Legion. Travels as a representative, and at the direction of the National Organization, to meetings of The American Legion, and to other meetings related to the work of the Americanism Commission.

- 3 to 5 years experience preferred
- For more information/send resume: Gina Evans at gevans@legion.org



Virtual Hiring Fair for Military Spouses June 16



The Military Spouse Employment Partnership is turning 10, and we're celebrating with a virtual hiring fair. Join us on June 16 to explore job openings, live chat with hiring managers and get in on big wins. MSEP, a key initiative under the Department of Defense Spouse Education and Career Opportunities program, will host an MSEP Virtual Hiring Fair exclusively for military spouses. Whether you join for 30 minutes or the full four hours, registrants can attend this event at any time between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. EDT. To register for this event, click on <https://msephire.vfairs.com/>.

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If you are an employer, a veteran seeking employment or a veteran interested in entrepreneurship & small business, visit the Veteran Employment page on our website at <https://www.in.gov/dva/about-idva/employment/>.